

The Greenfield Community College NEWSLETTER

September 1988

EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

1-2 Day Division final registration.

7 First day of classes. Student Senate cake party with Pres. Katherine Sloan, Cafeteria, 12 noon.

14 Concert: comedy and song with the Young at Heart Singers Cafeteria, 12 noon. Free, open to public.

16 Pizza Party Double Feature: "Back to School," "Beetlejuice," and free pizza. Cafeteria, 6 p.m. Free with valid GCC card, \$1. for the public.

OCTOBER

5 Convocation: to induct Katherine H. Sloan as the sixth president of Greenfield Community College. College Field, 3 p.m.

27 Greenfield Community College Foundation annual meeting. College cafeteria, 6 p.m.



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Sloan to be inducted as president at October 5 convocation

Zelda F. Gamson, Ph.D., director of the New England Resource Center for Higher Education at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, will be the keynote speaker at the ceremony to induct Katherine H. Sloan as the sixth president of Greenfield Community College. The ceremony will be held Wednesday, October 5, 1988, at 3 p.m. on the college field.

Gamson is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and holds a doctorate in social relations from Harvard University. She has published widely in the fields of higher education, social policy, and organizational innovation and evaluation. Her most recent publications are on liberal education and workplaces, including a chapter written with Henry Levin in *Worker Cooperatives in*

America, and a book published in 1984 entitled *Liberating Education*.

She has worked on a number of committees and task forces for the improvement of education, including the Task Force on Competency-Based Education and the National Institute of Education's Program for Research in Institutions of Postsecondary Education. Gamson was also commissioned to present a paper to the National Commission on Excellence in Education, which published *A Nation at Risk*.

Gamson has lectured at colleges and conferences around the country, often speaking on issues related to higher education or the workplace.

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Fifth, sixth, and seventh graders in the Massachusetts Migrant Education Program spent the summer learning about Project TEME, the College's space shuttle simulation program. Students above prepare for take-off.

Core curriculum revisions proposed

If it ain't broke, don't fix it!, so the saying goes. But what do you do if you can't decide whether or not it's "broke"? With just this level of uncertainty, the Greenfield Community College **Core Curriculum/General Education Committee** began its deliberations in October of 1986.

The committee, comprised of two representatives from each of the College's four major academic divisions and three additional members, was formed by the Academic Dean's Staff. The committee's charge includes directives to study the existing curriculum with a view to improving the general education of GCC students, and to propose reasonable adaptations, revisions, and restructuring of the curriculum. Through much hard work and diligence, the committee completed its task in July 1988.

Publication of *Another Step...*, the committee's final report, marks the end of the first major GCC curriculum revision in over a decade. The report's title recognized the importance of ongoing adaptation, change, and growth in forming the College's curriculum. In selecting the title, the committee recognizes the many efforts put forth by its colleagues, both past and present, in developing the curriculum, while simultaneously challenging future colleagues to continue to study and revise the curriculum. As stated in the report's cover letter, "*Another Step...* should not become the last step..."

The committee organized its recommendations into three major sections: recommendations affecting all degrees, recommendations affecting only liberal arts degrees, and general recommendations.

The first set of recommendations covers the the College's academic mission. These recommendations provide for a broader and more rigorous academic experience for all degree students. Among the recommendations are several items designed to broaden student experiences beyond the realm of individual classes and programs. One proposal would cause all students to participate in various extra-curricular activities; another would require student involvement in activities that build self esteem and a sense of community. The establishment of a Writing Across the Curriculum program is also recommended.

The liberal arts recommendations

will require a more rigorous education in the sciences, mathematics, and the fine arts for associate of arts graduates. Additionally, a foreign language requirement is being proposed. In its general recommendations, the committee is recommending, among others, refinements in orientation and placement activities, and the development of an extensive word processing lab.

The committee anticipates that the coming academic year will find the academic community discussing, debating, and planning for implementation of the issues raised in the report. The task is never completed, but we have taken another step...

—Tom Boisvert

PVRC adds local accounts to oral history collection

The Pioneer Valley Resource Center is continuing to acquire oral history on cassette tapes for its collection. The history and development of the county has been recorded by area faculty, students and citizens for several years.

"Hearing our heritage through oral histories provides a fascinating window into our past," said Carol G. Letson, special collections librarian upon receiving a recent gift at the center.

Last winter an oral history project was conducted at the Greenfield Middle School, under the direction of project coordinator Ed Phelps. Six interviews, both the cassettes and transcriptions, were presented to the Resource Center collection. Letson said that the transcriptions are as valuable as the tapes themselves because printed information is often more accessible for researchers.

Twenty-one interviews were recorded by history professor Saul Sherer in 1980, on the Jewish community in Greenfield. The interviews reveal the beginnings of some family businesses in Greenfield, along with an overall picture of the Jewish religious community as it developed through two generations.



Dr. Zelda Gamson

--Convocation

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Other invited guests at the ceremony will include local and state elected officials, school superintendents, and Mary Lou Anderson, who will represent the Board of Regents of Higher Education for the state of Massachusetts.

The public is welcome to attend the event, which will mark Katherine H. Sloan's official induction into the college community.

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Seven nominated for Mass. Recognition Awards

Professor Dave Harvey and lab technician Ron Smith were nominated last spring by the college community to receive the 1988 Massachusetts Recognition Award for their outstanding contributions to the college.

Harvey and Smith are better known in elementary schools around Franklin County as The Science Road Show. With the style and delivery of stand-up comedians, Harvey and Smith educate youngsters with hands-on scientific experiments that demonstrate such basic principles as electro-magnetism and static electricity.

Harvey and Smith have also been nominated to receive one of the ten Manuel Carballo Awards for public service, awarded by the state Department of Personnel each year.

Also nominated to receive a Massachusetts Recognition Award was Professor Arthur Shaw of the Humanities Division. Associated with the college from its beginning, Shaw teaches English, philosophy and religion. He is also

chairman of the Honors Committee and author of the recently-published "Parables for the Day," a collection of his sermons, as well as the history of Greenfield Community College, which was published last year in conjunction with the College's twenty-fifth anniversary celebration.

The third nomination is for the staff of the Student Services Office: Joanne Shaw, Jane Filkins, Pat Jurek and Beryl

Holloway, who provide the support services to the registrar, the financial aid officer, the admissions officer and student records. The staff was chosen because of their expertise offered in a friendly and helpful manner.

The awards will be presented in November, when all public employees who have been nominated meet for a dinner in Boston.

Tom Lewis named coordinator of business, industry programs

Thomas D. Lewis of Greenfield has been named coordinator of business, industry and agency programs at Greenfield Community College.

Lewis, who was previously an instructor in the business division at GCC, will work under the auspices of the college's newly-formed Center for Business and Industry. He will work with local

businesses to address their training needs, and serve as a liaison person with area industry to design workshops and customized courses that provide further training for workers in specific fields.

The Center is funded by the College's Division of Continuing Education and the GCC Foundation.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to this year's Distinguished Service Award winners: **Lalma Brunner** for her work in the General Equivalency Degree program; **Sylvia Carey** for her work as a computer programmer, and **John Murphy**, duplication services technician, for his dependability and unfailing sense of humor in the face of year-end duplication deadline pressure...

BEYOND THE VALLEY: Works by art professor **Tom Young** are part of an exhibition entitled "Two to Tango, Collaboration in Recent American Photography," at the International Center of Photography in New York City. His works will be on display through September 11...**Bryan Blanchard**, dean of academic affairs, testified in Washington in July at hearings on the recertification of the American Association of College Schools of Business....**Joan Ibish**, chairperson of the humanities division,

attended the HERS program for women administrators held this summer at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania...

MASTER TEACHERS OF THE UNIVERSE: Humanities prof **Hartley Pfeil** had a most successful Master Teachers Seminar this summer, with over 40 teachers from 17 states attending. This summer's Writing Institute also attracted a following, with 20 teachers attending from 13 states.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS: The following staff and faculty received funding in response to their proposals at the May meeting of the Staff Development Committee: Humanities prof **Fred Agnir**, Learning Center counselor **Michael Bathory**, English prof **Mary Ellen Kelly**, Humanities Division secretary **Trudi Ruccl**, art prof **Pam Sacher**, behavioral science prof **Anne Wiley** and transfer coordinator **Rob Yacubian**.

HERE AND THERE: **John Markwell, Jr.** attended the Winter School for Turf Managers at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst recently....

Congratulations to newlyweds **Wayne Collier**, college electrician, and **Sandra Smith** of the cafeteria crew, who tied the knot May 27!

FAMILY TIES: **John Pride**, maintenance foreman, had a one-month visit from his son, daughter-in-law and two granddaughters from Germany this summer....Congratulations to **Mary Audette**, wife of mechanic **Joseph Audette**, who was admitted to the Mass. Bar Association June 15 in Boston. Mary started at GCC, and now has a law practice in Greenfield.... Ditto to **Jim Franklin**, whose son Jon married Jill Poulson on August 13 in Los Angeles....Don't call him grandpa, but **Roland Campbell** has a new addition to the family, granddaughter Kalin.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Richard King, (GCC '86, Salem State College), received the Kennedy Center National Acting Award this year. He was one of only six students chosen for the honor, which was awarded for his performance in "St. Joan of the Stockyards" at the New England Regional College Drama Festival In Keene, N.H. last fall...**International alumns in the news:** Congratulations to **Hugh Campbell**, a Perth, Australia native, who recently received his U.S. citizenship...**Anne "Vicki" Matthews** (GCC 88), originally from London, England, is now attending UMass as a psychology major.

Andrea Iannelli (GCC'86, Norwich University), former editor of the No Name and the Prism, is working as activities director for the Franklin County Association of Retarded Citizens...**Abby Dolinger** (GCC'83, Smith), is now working at Cambridge College in Northampton...**Artists at**

work: **Judith Madden** (GCC'87 Smith) is working at Cleare Communications in Northampton doing computer-aided graphic design..**Kate LaPierre** recently had a show of her paintings in Northampton Center for the Arts, and is working as a graphic designer for the Daily Hampshire Gazette in Northampton....

Lynn Werthammer (GCC '75, UMass) went on to earn her MSW from the University of Connecticut and is working as a therapist at Franklin-Hampshire County Community Mental Health Center... **T.J. Hanley** (GCC'86) graduated last year from North Adams State college as a social psychology major...**Mike Skorulski** (GCC '82, Fitchburg State) is on the executive training program of Carolina Freight Carriers Corp based at their office in Enfield, Ct....

ADA UPDATE...News from last spring's reception in honor of GCC women who transferred to Smith

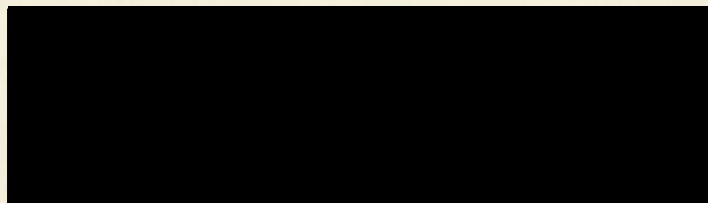
College: **Sharon Helst**, (GCC '86), **Maureen Brown** (GCC '86), **Vicki Bruno** (GCC '85).. all attended. Vicki is working as a systems analyst with the U.S. Surgical Corp in Norwalk, Conn....Two GCC alums have been elected president of the Smith College Ada Comstock Students for 1988-89: **Barbara DeMeo-Alston** (GCC '86) and **Laurie Dickinson** (GCC '86)...**Donna Benjamin** (GCC '80) lived off an island off the coast of Maine for five years, and now teaches art in the Portland, Maine public school system. She has a a five-year-old son, Luke.

Peter Freisem (GCC '77) is working as an assistant town manager in Illinois.

What's been happening in **your** life? Send your alumni news of interest to B.J. Roche, GCC Newsletter, Room C220 Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA 01301. We want to hear from you!

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